



STATE SEISMIC HAZARD MAP ACT

The State Seismic Hazards Mapping Act was passed by the legislature following the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. The State Geologist is in the process of providing a complete set of statewide seismic hazard maps that identify the areas that are susceptible to landslides and/or liquefaction. The main intent of the maps is to protect the health and safety of the public from the effects of strong ground motion caused by earthquakes.

Currently, the only finalized map for the City of Sunnyvale is the Milpitas Quadrangle. This map is on display at the One-Stop Permit Center. Maps are also available on-line at <http://www.consrv.ca.gov/dmg/shezp/maps.htm>.

Submittals for projects that are located in the Seismic Hazard Zones shall include a geotechnical report for review and approval by the Building Division. All development projects are subject to the report requirements with the exception of the following:

- New or existing single family dwellings not exceeding two stories, when the dwelling is not part of a development of four or more dwellings.
- Additions to any existing building which do not exceed either 50% of the value of the structure or 50% of the existing floor area of the structure.
- Interior or exterior alteration projects which do not involve a change in occupancy.

If you have any questions, please call the City of Sunnyvale Building Division at (408) 730-7444. Information is also available on the Building Division web site at: www.sunnyvalebuilding.com.